

Lord God shall slay thee and call His servants by another name. That He who blesses Himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth, and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth. " That seems to be a pointing out of the spreading of the knowledge of God in the many different areas. Of course it says in the earth and that could be in the land. It could just refer to Palestine, but it is at least possible that it could refer to the spreading out through other countries. But then I raised the question. What is the relevance of the last third of this verse to the first two-thirds. Why should - what does it have to do with it anyway. And I was hoping some of you would do a little bit of reading in commentaries and see if you found any good suggestions. Some commentaries will make some kind of a judgment but it may not be any judgment. And then again someone may have a really different one. Does someone have something to say on that?

(2:75). The tendency of most interpreters is to assume the chapter divisions, and the verses. And of course we know that the verses divisions are not divisions. They were put in later. And we know that the verse divisions are not all good. We have in Psalm 19, isn't it, that speaks about the sun going forth. We have that crazy verse division in verse 4 of Psalm 19, where you have the last line of one stanza and the first line of the other made into one verse. And we don't have a great many cases where it is quite that bad, but certainly the verse divisions are not inspired. If this was a Divine division, verse 16 is one verse, we'd have to try to make sense out of it. But if we can't make sense out of it without a good bit of twisting, it is a lot more reasonable to wonder whether perhaps the verse division is there. And it seems to me that it fits perfectly at the beginning of the new section. And if it said in the verse before, well, Matthew Henry says, "They will honor God for three reasons," That's all true, but that is putting an outline in the verse, that the verse doesn't have. It's true, but there is nothing in the verse to make us feel that that's what this verse is bringing out. The point that He who blessed himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth, surely follows what precedes. The Lord will call Himself by another name. His servants by another name. It must be a result of that. The result will be - it doesn't seem to me that it makes much sense as it stands. Now of course you could insert an extra sentence